Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The National Environmental Education and Training Foundation, in cooperation with hundreds of outstanding environmental education organizations, education associations, and agencies, and with support from Canon U.S.A., Inc., will promote National Environmental Education Week as an annual event for local participation in schools and various education centers in the state; and,

Whereas, Environmental education will increase dramatically by creating a full week of educational preparation in South Dakota's Pre K – 12 classrooms, university campuses, and informal settings such as nature centers, zoos, aquariums, and museums; and,

Whereas, Collaborative efforts will increase the amount of environmental education taking place in South Dakota's classrooms prior to Earth Day while drawing educator attention to the larger opportunities and value of environmental education for both education and environmental stewardship; and,

Whereas, Environmental education bolsters core environmental literacy in our Pre K – 12 students by featuring actual grade-appropriate "enviro-literacy" goals and content standards; and,

Whereas, Environmental education will encourage South Dakota schools to partner with local museums, nature centers, zoos, science centers, aquariums, and local parks; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's environmental education community will have an opportunity to feature its accomplishments with the educational leaders during the week of April 10 – 16, 2005:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2005, as

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State